

PART IV - SECTION M

EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M001 Evaluation Factors for Award

The Government will make award to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforms to the solicitation terms and conditions, and is considered to be **technically acceptable, low price** offer. The Government reserves the right to award on initial offers without discussion or to conduct one-on-one discussions, at the option of the Government, with one or more offerors, as determined necessary by the Contracting Officer, to clarify cope, pricing, responsibility, statements, and omissions.

(a) The Government will make a contract award based upon this RFO, at the discretion of the source selection official to the responsible offeror whose submittal conforms to the solicitation terms and conditions, and is considered to be the **technically acceptable low priced offer**.

(b) The Government reserves the right to (1) reject any or all submittals if such action is in the public interest, (2) accept other than the lowest cost/price submittal, and (3) waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(c) The Government intends to evaluate submittals and award a contract, either on initial submittals without communications, or subsequent submittals with communications. In evaluating the submittals, the Government may conduct written or oral communications with any and /or all offerors, and may down-select the firms participating in the competition to only those offerors most likely to receive award. A submittal in response to an RFQ should contain the Offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint.

(d) A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time acceptance specified in the offer shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer whether or not there are communications after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award. Communications conducted after receipt of an offer do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

(e) The Government may determine (if applicable) that an offer is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. An offer is materially unbalanced when it is based on price significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the offer will result in the lowest overall cost to the Government, even though it may be the lowest evaluated offer.

(f) The Government may disclose the following information in post-award debriefings to other offerors: the Offeror's standings relative to the successful offeror.

M002 Evaluation Criteria

Prospective offerors are required to submit a technical proposal as discussed herein. Proposals will be technically evaluated as either “**Acceptable**” or “**Unacceptable**” on the basis of the following criteria. Any proposal determined to be “Unacceptable” in any evaluated area, criteria, or sub-element thereof, will render the entire proposal to be unacceptable and therefore rejected from further consideration.

1. Technically Qualified
2. Past Performance
3. Price

M003 Consideration of Price

Offerors shall submit pricing as prescribed in Part I – Section B of the Request for Offers. Evaluation Criteria are descending order of importance, #1 - #2 - #3 as listed in M002 above.

Offerors are required to provide a price for each contract line number (CLIN). Failure to comply may result in the rejection of the subject offer. A single award will be made. There shall be no split award. In the event the CLIN price for any line item is materially unbalanced, the entire offer may be rejected without discussions with the Offeror.

In the event of any disparity between the CLIN price and the total offered price, the CLIN price shall be deemed correct, and the total offered amount shall be revised accordingly, unless available information indicates otherwise.